

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 QUITO 05621 011735Z

50

ACTION CU-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 USIA-15 AID-05 L-03 VOE-00 SCA-01

/039 W

----- 040864

P 011514Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6563

UNCLAS QUITO 5621

FOR: CU/ARA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE ORGANIZATION

REF: STATE 179729; POST'S MEMO OF CONVERSATION OF JUNE 27
AND APRIL 9, 1975 AND POST OM OF OCTOBER 18, 1974.

1. POST SUPPORTS AND URGES THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (ICX).
2. FOR NEARLY A YEAR, PER REFERENCES, FAILINGS OF ICX PROGRAM IN QUITO HAVE COME TO ATTENTION OF POST FROM PARTICIPATING ECUADOREAN STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS AND AMERICAN STUDENTS. COMPLAINTS HAVE FOCUSED ON INADEQUATE TRAVEL, HOME AND STUDY ARRANGEMENTS.
3. MOST RECENTLY CAO WAS TOLD BY FORMER DIRECTOR, QUITO OFFICE THAT HOME STAYS HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR ONLY 30 OF SOME 150 STUDENTS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES, CLEARLY IN VIOLATION OF STATE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM STATUS.
4. MORE RECENTLY, TWO CASES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO POST'S ATTENTION. FIRST, ON JULY 22, TWO ICS STUDENTS, ONE AMERICAN AND ONE GERMAN, REQUESTED CAO'S HELP IN ASKING ICX HOME OFFICE, ANN ARBOR, TO ISSUE RETURN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 QUITO 05621 011735Z

AIR TICKETS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES SINCE ICX QUITO

OFFICE WAS REPORTEDLY DOING NOTHING TO HELP.

5. GERMAN STUDENT ALSO VISITED GERMAN EMBASSY TO REPORT HIS PLIGHT.

6. ON JULY 28, PAO AND CAO WERE VISITED BY IVAN RESTREPO, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURISTS, A PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION WITH WHOM EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE LONG ENJOYED CLOSE CONTACTS.

7. RESTREPO'S COMPLAINT WAS ICX' BREAKING OF AN AGREEMENT TO SEND 30 AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE STUDENTS TO THE U.S. FOR 4-5 YEARS OF STUDY, BEGINNING THIS SUMMER.

8. BREAKING OF THE CONTRACT HAS CAUSED CAMERA CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE 30 STUDENTS WILL NOW HAVE DIFFICULTY IN LATE ENROLLMENT IN ECUADOREAN UNIVERSITIES.

9. CONTRACT WAS BROKEN ACCORDING TO RESTREPO, PRIMARILY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. THIS WAS IN PART SUBSTANTIATED BY ICX ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, ANTHONY RUSSO, WHO IN A JUNE VISIT TO QUITO, REFERENCE MEMO OF JUNE 27, HAD TOLD CAO A PROJECT TO SEND AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS TO U.S. WOULD NOT BE DONE BECAUSE OF INCREASED COSTS AND LACK OF FULLY QUALIFIED STUDENTS.

10. ICS IS NOW PROPOSING TO "CAMARA DE AGRICULTURA" AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TO SEND 6 STUDENTS FOR THREE SEMESTERS OF STUDY TO "COMMUNITY CALLEGES" FOLLOWED BY UNIVERSITY STUDIES CONTINGENT UPON GOOD MARKS AND ICX "GOOD OFFICES" IN GAINING THEIR UNIVERSITY ADMITTANCE. RESTREPO IS HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF "GOOD OFFICES" OF ICX IN GAINING UNIVERSITY ADMITTANCE AFTER THE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" EXPERIENCE.

11. DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS OF QUITO ICX PROGRAM REFLECT ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF OVERALL PROGRAM AND POST AGAIN REITERATES ITS CONCER.

BREWSTER
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 QUITO 05621 011735Z

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CULTURAL EXCHANGES, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS), INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975QUITO05621
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750266-0571
From: QUITO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750890/aaaadbnw.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION CU
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 179729
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 NOV 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 NOV 2002 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <14 JAN 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE ORGANIZATION
TAGS: OEXC, SCUL, EC, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006